

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 10, 2016

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on May 10, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see attachment 2).
- E. Ms. Jenny Wren provided a report of administrative actions. Ms. Wren discussed an overview of violations for administrative orders issued since January 2016 (see attachment 3).
- F. Mr. Eric Olsen, program manager in Ag Inputs, provided the background which prompted the development of the new category 41 (Mosquito Control) commercial pesticide applicator license under the Georgia Pesticide Use and Application Act. To obtain a category 41 license, an applicant must pass the general standards and category 41 examinations. All contractors must have one full time pesticide applicator category 41 license, in addition to a business contractor license for each operating location. Mr. Olsen also noted an increase in applicator and contractor licenses. Lastly, he clarified that lawn care operators that hold a Turf and Ornamental licenses must also hold a Mosquito category to provide these types of services. It was suggested that the Department focus outreach on the Mosquito licensing requirement to lawn care operators.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department and Program updates. He mentioned an upcoming Georgia Clean Day scheduled for this summer in Laurens County. He noted that due to a policy change in the finance division, there will be some changes to Commission daily travel expense allowances. The Profume guidance notice that was approved last month has been posted on the Commission website. The Department published a Protecting Georgia pollinator's webpage. The webpage is found under the Plant Protection Section. Lastly, he noted that next week, the Plant Industry Division field operations staff will be meeting at Macon Farmers Market. The two day meeting will include a session on urban mosquito pressures and management by Elmer Gray with UGA and a session on Zika virus outreach and surveillance efforts by the Georgia Department of Public Health.
- H. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. The new Department Head, Dr. Kris Braman, begins on June 1st. He discussed the results of a mosquito control research project by one of his students. Lastly, he mentioned the collaborative project between the Department and the

University to control a drywood termite infestation at the Thomasville Farmers Market. The project included efforts by a local pest management company and Nisus Corporation.

- I. Dr. Suiter discussed his proposal regarding recertification credit for archived presentations. He noted that after the Department has reviewed the proposal, he would be more than agreeable to come back and answer any questions regarding his proposal.
- J. Mrs. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update. Two weeks from today will be the primary election in Georgia.
- K. Mr. Lastinger highlighted a few discussions from the ASCPRO midyear meeting that was held last month in Burlington, Vermont. US EPA reached out to ASCPRO to finalize model contract elements for school IPM contracts. Additionally, the number of employee retirements at the agency has created a knowledge gap. This issue is a concern which is leading to further discussions of how best to address the issue.
- L. Mr. Gorecki discussed the rule making document that was distributed to Commission members. The document will be used to review draft rules and track discussions. Dr. Forschler recognized the Department effort to develop a tool for rulemaking. Mr. Gorecki suggested that after rulemaking that the Commission develops outreach materials for new rule compliance assistance.
- M. Mr. Alex Conti, discussed details of the June meeting. The meeting will be held at 9:30 in University of North Georgia's H.M. Stewart Center for Continuing Education. The center is located at 25 Schultz Avenue Dahlonega, Georgia 30533.
- N. Mr. Lastinger discussed possible dates for the July meeting.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses
Attachment 3	Administrative Action Violation Report

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open –Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
 - Enforcement Summary – Jenny Wren
 - Mosquito Control Licensing – Eric Olsen
- d. Rulemaking
- e. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. June Meeting Location Information – Alex Conti
- h. July meeting date and fall meeting location
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Astro Exterminating Services, INC – Douglas

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Northwest Exterminating (insurance).
- Bug House Pest Control (Payment)

Name Change

- Southern Wildlife Management DBA Southern Pest Management (Name Change).

Attachment 3

Administrative Action Violation Report

The graph shows the frequency of violations cited in administrative cases during a four-month timeframe. Administrative cases are enforcement actions that may include a monetary penalty, training requirement and/or license suspension/revocation.

Administrative Action Violation Summary January-April 2016

